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Ex-Trooper Dies at 57

SPRING LAKE, April 14 (UPI)

Vern C. Dagen, a former Michigan state police lieutenant who returned home from a central intelligence agency (CIA) assignment in Vietnam in March, died today at his home.

Dagen, 57, had been back in this country since March 7 after working in police administration for the CIA in Saigon.

Dagen, who was born in Reed City, retired from the state police in 1954 and joined CIA in 1956. He began his police career in 1932 with the Grand Rapids police department and went to the state police in 1934.

During his state police service Dagen was at posts in Jonesville, East Lansing, Houghton Lake, Grand Haven and Rockford.

Dagen is survived by his widow Bette and his daughter Chandra-lee. Services will be Tuesday in Grand Haven with burial in Reed City.

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